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Elephant Seal Newspaper Activity

Worth Versus Value

Worth is the the quality of something that makes it desirable, useful, or valuable. **Value** is an amount considered to be an equal exchange for something else. When considereing issues of preservation and conservation, these two words are critical because they often guide decision making. In our modern society natural resources, such as elephant seals, are often viewed only in terms of their economic worth or value. However, new ways of thinking challenge us to recognize the worth and value of natural resources not so much for monetary rewards but for the worth and value that they hold just existing in the natural environment.

Think about how the concepts of worth and value relate to elephant seals and answer the following questions.

1. What is the value of an elephant seal?
2. What have been the economic uses of elephant seals in the past?
3. List three benefits and three consequences of oil use.

BENEFITS	CONSEQUENCES
1)	1)
2)	2)
3)	3)
4. Are there other alternatives?

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Activity Sheet

5. Why are Elephant Seals in Point Reyes protected by the National Park Service? Is protection in Point Reyes National Seashore enough?

6. How does this message from the National Park Service apply to Elephant Seals?

A MESSAGE FROM THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE:

*The National Park Service cares for special places
saved by the American people so that all may
experience our heritage*

